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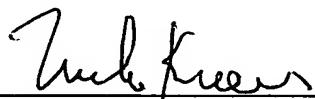
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, the Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 5-022212, filed in Japan on February 10, 1993.

The certified copy of the above-referred to Japanese Patent Application was filed on July 20, 1995 in prior application 08/190,848, filed February 3, 1994.

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